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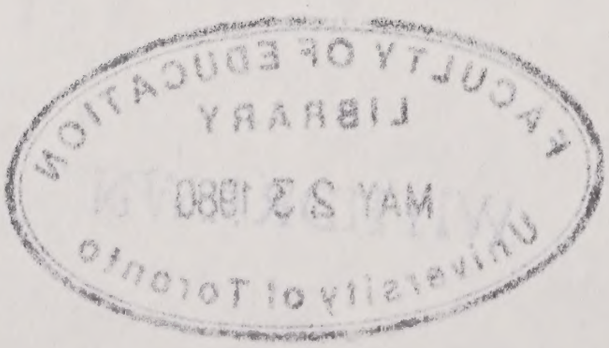
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INTERPRETATION

1.—(1) In this Regulation,

(*a*) "instructional day" means a school day that is designated as an instructional day on a school calendar and upon which day an instructional program that may include examinations is provided for each pupil whose program is governed by such calendar;

(*b*) "professional activity" includes evaluation of the progress of pupils, consultation with parents, the counselling of pupils, curriculum and program evaluation and development, professional development of teachers and attending educational conferences;

(*c*) "professional activity day" means a school day that is designated as a day for professional activities on a school calendar;

(*d*) "school day" means a day that is within a school year and is not a school holiday; and

(*e*) "school year" means the period prescribed as such by or approved as such under this Regulation.

(2) A board may designate half a school day an instructional program and the remainder of the day for professional activities, but such a day constitutes a half-day in determining the number of instructional days in the school year. O. Reg. 546/73, s. 1.

2.—(1) Subject to section 4, the school year shall commence on the day following Labour Day and end on the 30th day of June but, when the 30th day of June is a Monday or Tuesday, the school year shall end on the preceding Friday.

(2) Subject to section 4, a school year shall include at least 185 instructional days, and the remaining school days shall be professional activity days.

(3) Subject to section 4, the following are school holidays:

1. Every Saturday and Sunday.
2. A day appointed by the Governor General or the Lieutenant Governor as a public holiday or for thanksgiving.
3. Where the school is open during July and August, Dominion Day and Labour Day.
4. Good Friday.
5. Victoria Day.
6. A Christmas vacation to begin on the 23rd day of December or, when the 23rd day of December is a Tuesday, on the 22nd day of December and to end on the 2nd day of January or, when the 2nd day of January is a Thursday, on the 3rd day of January.
7. Five consecutive days commencing on the Monday next following the Friday preceding the 21st day of March, or five consecutive days, exclusive of Saturday and Sunday, that are within the period from the first school day in January to the last school day in June, and are designated as school holidays in lieu thereof by the board that operates the school.
8. Easter Monday or a day designated as a school holiday in lieu thereof by the board that operates the school.
9. Where Remembrance Day is not Saturday or Sunday, Remembrance Day or a day designated as a school holiday in lieu thereof by the board that operates the school. O. Reg. 546/73, s. 2.

3. In the year 1973 a board may, and in the year 1974 and each subsequent year every board shall, except in respect of a school or class for which the board has submitted a proposed school calendar under section 4, prepare, adopt and submit to the Minister on or before the 1st day of May, in respect of the school year next following, the school calendar or school calendars to be followed in the schools under its jurisdiction, and each such school calendar shall,

(*a*) state the school or schools in which the calendar is to be followed;

(*b*) conform to section 2; and

(*c*) identify each day of the school year as an instructional day, a professional activity day or a school holiday. O. Reg. 546/73, s. 3.

4.—(1) For one or more schools under its jurisdiction a board may designate a school year and school holidays that are different from those

prescribed in section 2 and, where a board does so, the board shall submit to the Minister on or before the 1st day of March a proposed school calendar for the school year next following in respect of such school or schools, identifying thereon each day of the school year as an instructional day, a professional activity day or a school holiday, and the board may, upon approval thereof by the Minister, implement such school calendar.

(2) Where the Minister informs a board that he does not approve the school calendar submitted under subsection 1, the board may amend its proposed school calendar and submit to the Minister a revised school calendar and, upon approval thereof by the Minister, the board may implement the revised school calendar.

(3) Where a board has submitted a proposed school calendar under subsection 1 and the Minister has not approved on or before the 15th day of April such calendar or a revision thereof submitted under subsection 2, the board shall, on or before the 1st day of May, prepare, adopt and submit to the Minister a school calendar in accordance with section 3. O. Reg. 546/73, s. 4.

5.—(1) Where, in the opinion of the board, it is desirable to alter a school calendar that has been submitted under section 3 or subsection 3 of section 4 or approved and implemented under subsection 1 or 2 of section 4, the board may, with the prior approval of the Minister, alter the school calendar.

(2) Where,

(*a*) a school or class is closed for a temporary period because of failure of transportation arrangements, inclement weather, fire, flood, a breakdown of the school heating plant or a similar emergency, or a school is closed under *The Emergency Measures Act*, *The Public Health Act*, *The Ministry of Education Act* or subsection 2 of section 4 of *The Schools Administration Act*; and

(*b*) the school calendar is not altered under subsection 1,

the day on which the school or class is closed remains an instructional day or a professional activity day, as the case may be, as designated on the school calendar applicable to such school or class. O. Reg. 546/73, s. 5.

6. Nothing in this Regulation shall operate to prevent the holding of a meaningful and significant program in observance of Remembrance Day.